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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 19 December 1966

DD/I reported that Bill Morell is responding to a request from Ambassador Thompson for analysis of a scheme by which the Soviet lend-lease debt might be settled.

DD/I said that the discussions on China which were held in New York and Cambridge with assorted academicians went well. In retrospect, the discussions in San Francisco and Cambridge were the most successful. The Director felt that these meetings were a good idea and hoped that they will be held next year.

Godfrey reported that it was a quiet weekend and called attention to an article in the Sunday Washington Post on possible openings to the left in Japan after the elections in late winter.

Warner noted that OCI is preparing the Director's briefings for the next session of Congress and that Congressman Buchanan will lunch at Headquarters this Thursday.

Executive Director noted the success of the Office of Logistics in attaining surplus property from DOD. This has resulted in savings to the Agency of approximately [ ] in the past two and one-half years. 25X1

Executive Director briefed on the results of the Director's session with Charlie Schultze on Friday.

The Director said that the OXCART program is now in a decisive stage, and he asked to meet with the DDCI, Executive Director, DD/I, A-DD/S&T, Bross, Houston, and D/SA at 11 a. m. today to re-examine the Agency's position.

The Director said that USIB will not meet this week.

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The Director gave guidance to Goodwin to the effect that there is no substance to the item in this morning's Washington Post concerning him and Walt Rostow.

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The Director initiated a discussion on an Agency report from Saigon concerning the possibility of damage to Hanoi from ordnance jettisoned by U. S. aircraft under attack by the enemy. (See Action 1)

ACTION:

1. The Director asked DD/I to have his Offices, after sifting all available information, come up with an independent study in depth on the causes of the damage to nonmilitary targets in the Hanoi area.

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